

# TEXAS TRAGEDY TOLLS 250

## CHURCH FACES BRUTAL CRIME OF TWO SLAIN

Brought to Chicago for Murder of Two, Youth Protests Innocence.

### ENEMIES' PLOT, CLAIM

Buyer of Packard Machine Produces Receipt for \$5,400 as Proof.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—Harvey W. Church, the 20-year-old youth arrested in Adams, Wis., Friday night in connection with the murder of Bernard J. Dougherty and Carl Asmus, was brought back to Chicago tonight in the automobile declared by the police to be the motive for the crime.

Following the finding of the terribly mutilated body of Dougherty yesterday in the Blue Springs river, the police today dug up the body of Asmus which had been hidden in a garage in the rear of the apartment in which Church lived. Asmus' body had been buried face downward beneath an old automobile owned by Church.

The hands and feet were bound together with rope and a bundle of steel and cloth had been thrust into the mouth until it penetrated the chest cavity. The head was beaten into an almost unrecognizable pulp. Death had been caused by strangulation and congestion of the lungs.

The theory was advanced that the two victims had been lured to the basement under the pretext of having a drink and had been given drugged liquor before they were slain.

Dougherty, whose home was in St. Paul, was 35 years old and was a former student at Harvard university. During the war he served as a captain in the tank corps. Asmus, also a former service man, was several years younger than Dougherty. His home was in Bloomington, Ill.

The two were employed by the Packard Motor Car Co. of Chicago. Dougherty was an estimator and Asmus as a demonstrator. According to officials of the concern Church began negotiations for a car which he said was for his father, a farmer living in Adams, Wis., a week ago. Thursday morning he selected a \$5,400 machine and asked that a salesman be sent with him to a bank. Dougherty and Asmus went with Church to complete the deal.

Neighbors at the Church home told of seeing Church drive up in the new car with two men and said that all of them entered the house. Later Church was said to have driven away alone in the car.

A neighbor reported to the police today that she saw lights in the garage between 3 and 4 a. m. Shortly after 6 o'clock Church and his mother drove away in the car after telling friends that they were going.

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## ARREST SMUGGLERS CAUGHT IN BATTLE

Two Men Involved in Fight With Dry Agents Are Held by U. S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Two important arrests were made today as an echo to the dramatic drug and whiskey raid on the Greek steamship King Alexander in Brooklyn Friday when five seamen were shot in a charge up the gang plank and Frank J. Fitzpatrick, head narcotic investigator, later compelled suicide.

The two prisoners added to the 26 detained after the entire crew of more than 300 had been rounded up were Sebas Mentins, fourth officer of the ship, and James Brennan, a dock watchman. They were charged with conspiring to defraud the government.

## Prodigals Camp Along St. Joseph While Father Waits Their Return With Warrant on Vagrancy Charge

Fatted Calf to Fall When Osceola Youths Return to Dad's Hearth.

"Somewhere" along the banks of the St. Joseph river there's a happy quartet over whom the Goddess of Vagabondia holds special sway, and today a posse of tired police officers are back in Mishawaka, minus their quarry, but with a warrant that will be served as soon as autumn's first chill wind sweeps across the plains from the east.

Over at Osceola, way, Albert Pinkerton, grizzled veteran of the Civil war, squares his determined jaw and waits patiently for the return of his prodigal sons, Russell and Ray, together with their pals, Robert Minegar and Harry "Marsh" Smith. There will be no fatted calf and "trimmings" for the quartet when they return to take their accustomed and sacred places around the Osceola grocery store. On the contrary, they will be hailed to the calaboose on a warrant sworn out Friday by Pinkerton, senior, for the arrest of the quartet on charges of vagrancy.

The problem of the world and the fate of this nation will have to be settled on the grocery store boxes by others than Russell, Ray and their buddies.

"100% Efficient." Pinkerton, in his complaint, charges his two sons with being able-bodied and rates them as 100 per cent physically fit for work. He further alleges that his two sons have repeatedly spurned the thought

## PERSHING WILL HONOR FRENCH UNKNOWN VET

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Gen. Pershing, acting in the direction of Pres't Harding, will act Wednesday for Paris, where on Oct. 20 he will award the medal of honor voted by congress to the unknown soldier of France, whose body was placed in the arch of triumph.

The general, who left France just about two years ago after having led the American expeditionary force to victory, probably will be accompanied by a high naval officer who will also participate in the ceremony. The naval officer has not yet been selected.

## REGISTRATION OF VOTERS PLEASING TO PARTY PILOTS

Official Figures Not Available But Indications Point to 50 Percent List.

That South Bend voters are interested to interest themselves in the coming November city election was manifested in the number of voters who registered Saturday. Although official figures of the total registration were not available last night, prominent politicians of both the democratic and republican party declared that the result of the registration was much better than they had anticipated.

The inspectors of the various registration booths will not make their complete reports to City Clerk Bilinski until Monday morning, so the exact number of registrants will not be known until the figures from the various precincts and wards are tabulated. Officials predict, however, that when the complete tabulation is made the total registration for Saturday will better than reach the half-way mark.

As on previous occasions it was reported that the registration at several booths in the city was rather heavy, while other precinct inspectors claimed that the number of voters who filled out the registration blanks was "exceedingly light."

Many Women Register. The unusual interest shown by prospective women voters in getting their names on the registration books indicates that the local women are going to "cut a bigger figure" in the coming election than they did in the last. In several of the precincts the plan of San Caidar, New York, to cut a tax of \$5 a barrel on 275 per cent beer.

## CONTINUE SEARCH FOR MISSING OHIO WOMAN

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Sept. 10. Police here today are attempting to determine whether a woman's hat and purse found near the river prove to be that of Beatrice Orr, of Cleveland.

In a small pocket in the hat was found a note reading my name is Beatrice Orr. My sister is Mrs. Bertha Bajnes, Cleveland, and Mrs. Samantha Moore, Montreal.

It has been reported that a body was seen going over the falls.

## 25 DROWN IN COLLAPSE OF LONG BRIDGE

Crowd, Gathered to Watch Recovery of Child's Body, is Plunged Into Water.

### FEARED CHILD WAS OWN

Police Aid in Rescue of Many Engulfed in Waters of "Death" River.

CHESTER, Pa., Sept. 10.—Between 25 and 30 persons were drowned or crushed to death and more than a score of others injured here tonight when the foot path of the Third street bridge over Chester river collapsed.

The dead and injured were part of a crowd of about 75 persons that had gathered on the structure to watch the efforts of police in grappling for the body of a five-year-old boy who was drowned but half hour before. Many of the dead are women and children.

River 15 Feet Deep. The bridge was an old fashioned structure 90 feet long and cleared the water by about 20 feet. It carried two trolley tracks across the stream and had one foot path. The river is about 15 feet deep where the accident occurred.

An hour and a half after the collapse more than 20 bodies had been recovered to the morgue. At that time there were seven seriously injured persons in the Chester hospital.

All available police and firemen were summoned to the work of rescue and searchlights were provided from nearby plants. A great crowd gathered at the morgue as the bodies were brought in and a police guard had to be thrown about the place to restrain frantic people who rushed to see if relatives or friends were among the dead.

The child that was drowned had been playing on the banks of the river and slipped into the water. As police searched for the body in the murky water around the coal and ice barges, the crowd grew and suddenly there was a cracking sound heard and one end of the bridge collapsed.

## 'FATTY' ARBUCKLE INVOLVED IN DEATH

Youthful Movie Actress Dies After Party Held in Hotel Suite of Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—The police today announced they would take custody of Fatty Arbuckle, motion picture comedian, who started from Los Angeles Friday night by automobile to clear up an affair at his suite in a hotel here last Monday, following which the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, a film actress, was said to have occurred.

Arbuckle will be taken into custody by the police, it was announced, pending an investigation into the woman's death. No charge will be placed against him, according to Michael Griffith, acting captain of the police, both Miss Rappe and Arbuckle will be detained until after the inquest.

Arbuckle was quoted as saying when he passed through Fresno today on his way here that he had never met the girl until Monday, when she was brought into his suite to join a party. She had a few drinks, Arbuckle said and then it became necessary to call a physician and have her removed.

## SAY TURK OFFENSIVE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED

LONDON, Sept. 10.—Greek offensive against the Turkish nationalists in Anatolia has been suspended following a conference between the Greek cabinet and the general staff correspondent said an Athens despatch to the Morning Post.

## BANDITS ROB TRAIN ON BURLINGTON ROAD

PARKVILLE, Mo., Sept. 10.—Train robbers held up and robbed train No. 18 on the Burlington, four miles north of here tonight, according to reports reaching here. The engineer and fireman, when compelled to cut the engine loose from the train, put on full steam and came into Parkville for aid.

## Fairest in a Thousand!



One thousand beauties passed in review before 150,000 people at the Atlantic City pageant. In that thousand none was more beautiful than Margaret Gorman, of Washington, according to a committee of judges headed by Howard Chandler Christy. She was awarded the Golden Mermaid, a trophy valued at \$5,000. She also won the bathing beauty contest.

## BALFOUR REBUKES DEMAND IN LEAGUE TO FIX MANDATES

Absence of United States Delegates League in Solving Work, He Claims.

GENEVA, Sept. 10.—Arthur J. Balfour, of the British delegation, speaking today at the assembly of the League of Nations in defense of the council which had been under sharp fire for three days, warned the assembly that the mandate question was full of difficulties and dangers and that it was venturing to try as Lord Robert Cecil proposed, to fix the terms of the mandates immediately.

He was much pained, he said, by Hjalmar Branting's charges that the council and the assembly were under the control of a small group of powers. He expressed surprise at the attack of the Jugo-Slav delegate, M. Spalnikovich on Albania, and at Lord Robert Cecil's demand for the immediate fixing of the terms of the mandates.

The assembly had been non-plussed by the unexpected attack on Albania and Mr. Balfour at once set out to counteract its bad effects. The assembly showed its appreciation by frequent and ardent marks of approval.

United States Needed. Mr. Balfour pointed next to the international court of justice as an achievement which was sufficient in itself to justify the league and condoned its critics who accused it of inaction. In treating of disarmament as well as mandate, he plainly intimated that it was the absence of the United States from the league which made it impossible to move quickly.

Many of the delegates in private conversation sounded the same note and while a majority maintain that the league must and will live, they expect that the Washington conference will adopt certain changes enabling the league to be a complete organization.

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## IRISH CABINET IN SESSION; MAY SEND ENVOY TO BRITISH

DUBLIN, Sept. 10.—The Irish republic cabinet was in session late tonight. It is expected that J. C. Barton, the Sinn Fein envoy, will leave for Inverness Sunday night, certainly before Wednesday's meeting of the Dail Eireann.

This is taken to indicate that the Dail Eireann will accept Premier Lloyd-George's invitation to a conference and that the meeting of the Dail Eireann has been summoned to endorse the plenipotentiaries.

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## 'Prince' Charley is Accorded Wild English Ovation

LONDON, Sept. 10.—Charlie Chaplin has arrived.

Never in English history has a conquering hero received the spontaneous, wildly enthusiastic reception that was accorded to Charlie when he stepped from the boat-train at Waterloo station today and drove to his suit at the Ritz.

As this is cabled, Charlie is barricaded from his frantic admirers who are held off by a special squad of 50 policemen, detailed to defend the Ritz from the friendly assault. He appears constantly on the little balcony outside his suite and waves and speaks to the cheering throngs who have made traffic through Piccadilly impossible.

There were more than 5,000 people in the throng that met the boat-train and fully twice that number have already passed beneath Charlie's windows.

The "Bonnie Prince Charlie." Newboys are striking extras in the streets. "Arrival of Bonnie Prince Charlie." There will be excitement for the rest of the day and all about Charlie. The pictorials show him in every conceivable posture, the dignified dailies have editorials about him.

And to children! They were outside the station and along the route to the Ritz which was policed off as though for coronation procession. The crowd raised such a cheer when it caught sight of Chaplin as has seldom been heard in London. But the Americans were not to be denied. Only a faint murmur of protest went up as the first shout of delight from the adults died away.

For Charlie didn't have the little "moustache, nor the trick hat and his cane didn't spring up and hit him on the nose.

Hails to Great Child. Charlie himself, in his first interview expressed fears at revealing himself to the kiddies as he really is in private life, dapper, extremely well dressed and graceful individual. Charlie was escorted to a waiting automobile held up on the shoulders of four strong armed policemen. Tipping his hat in answer to the cheers. Only once was the slow progress halted, a proud father placed a small boy, dressed like the Chaplin of the movies, directly in the path of the comedian and Charlie squirmed down from the shoulders of his protectors to shake the child by the hand.

At Southampton, when the Olympic hours late, docked, the intended arrival had been somewhat curtailed by official foresight. The authorities were mindful of the near-tragedies of last year when Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford arrived.

## LABOR TO SUPPORT DISARM MOVEMENT BY NOV. 11 EVENT

Federations to Join With Civic Clubs in Armistice Day Program.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Plans for a nation-wide demonstration armistice day under the leadership of organized labor "in support of the purpose underlying the international conference on the limitation of armament," were announced today at headquarters of the American Federation of Labor, Central union.

In every community have been asked to organize parades and mass meetings when the international conference begins its deliberations.

"It is planned," the announcement said, "to unite all civic bodies, trade union auxiliaries, women's trade union leagues, educational organizations, women's clubs and in fact all organizations interested in civic affairs and of a progressive character in the great effort."

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## RUINS REVEAL MANY BODIES; AID IS RUSHED

Death in Wake of Texas River Flood at San Antonio Mounts Upward.

RESCUERS AID PEOPLE

## Sad Plight of Families Caught in Terrific Inundation is Disclosed.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 10.—With the known list of dead standing at 56 late this afternoon, police officials still believe an estimate of 150 lives lost as a result of the disastrous flood which struck this city early Saturday morning to be a conservative one. No attempt has been made to estimate the property damage but it is certain to run into millions of dollars.

Because of a continued swollen condition of the three streams which caused the flood, the work of recovering the bodies is progressing slowly. Great piles of driftwood which have lodged in trees and against bridges when removed, it is believed, will reveal additional dead. Many bodies also are believed to have floated down stream and may never be accounted for.

Belief work and sanitary precautions are well under way. A thoroughly organized relief committee has begun caring for flood victims and health officers are engaged in a rigid clean-up of the city.

"Flood Worst in History." Reports coming from outlying sections confirm the fear that the flood is the worst in the city's history. Streets in some instances have been swept clean—almost their entire length. Houses in the southern portion of the city were lifted from their foundations and piled one upon another, or in some cases driven by entire blocks through brick buildings. Dead animals line the banks of the stream.

The flood waters from the San Antonio river and from Alazan creek and small tributaries inundated an area approximately two miles long by one-half mile wide, including the heart of the business section and a portion of the residence section along River way, and adjacent streets as well as the thickly populated west side where thousands of Mexicans are homeless and the dead not yet counted.

Waters Crush Buildings. Such structures as the Brady building, Wolff and Marx department store, St. Mary's church and school building, the St. Anthony hotel, the Elks club, several hospitals, the Central Telephone exchange, the City hall, police and fire headquarters, and countless other structures along the low lying valley were in the path of the flood.

They were the things visible to the eye when day dawned, cloudy, gloomy and threatening.

But what occurred in the blackness of the night when scores of men, women and children made dash in the chaotic waters of the flood, as houses collapsed, bridges were swept out, trees and electric light and telephone poles crashed in something that will never be known in detail.

Countless acts of heroism were reported as civilians and soldiers braved the current and floating debris to carry women and children to places of safety. Thousands of families along the river were rescued before daybreak by men who worked the long hours after midnight in water, risking their lives almost every minute to save others.

## TEXAS CITY UNDER WATER

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 10.—A report from the weather observer at Taylor, Texas, to the Houston weather bureau at 10:30 tonight states that 25.63 inches of rain has fallen there in the last 24 hours.

An official message from Valley Junction states that Valley Junction near Hearne, Texas, is under water. Practically all communication out of Houston to points in the flooded area are broken, but meager reports show considerable areas affected.

## STORM SWEEPS COUNTRY

DALLAS, Tex., Sept. 10.—High winds and heavy rains which swept south Texas late Friday and early Saturday in one of the most severe storms in several years, causing property damage of thousands of dollars and injury to numerous people, had subsided late today, according to reports received here.

Only one fatality, that of Brakenstein Wagner, who was killed near Noonan in the wreck of Southern Pacific train No. 227, has been reported. San Antonio and Eagle Pass the storm, excluding the persons who were killed in the flood at San Antonio.